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## REQUEST

## **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number     | 09/255,856        |
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| Filing Date            | February 23, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor   | IWASAKI, et al.   |
| Group'Art Unit         | 2813              |
| Examiner Name          | S. Smoot          |
| Attorney Docket Number | 501.36931X00      |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may

wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTOISBI29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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## PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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